

SAILORS OF THE DAY



Airman Sherri L. Randolph

Q: Why did you join the Navy?

A: "I joined to make a better life for myself and my children. I also wanted to follow in the footsteps of my father and grandfather."

Q: What is the most rewarding aspect of your job?

A: "The feeling of accomplishment after a hard days work."

Q: What do you do in your spare time? A: "I like to read, listen to music and cook."

Aviation Ordnanceman Airman Harris Hall

Q: Why did you join the Navy?

A: "I joined to better myself as a man and make a future for my daughter."

Q: What are your future goals?

A: "I would like to go to school and get a degree in criminal justice."

Q: What do you do in your spare time? A: "I enjoy fishing, hunting, lifting weights and spending time with my daughter."



Perform to Serve goes Web based

THE SHUTTLE

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USS ENTERPRISE, at sea – As Sailors aboard USS Enterprise (CVN 65) continue their Composite Unit Training Exercise (COMPTUEX) Nov. 10, they now have more options for controlling their careers.

On Oct. 1 the Perform to Serve (PTS) program was integrated into the Fleet Rating Identification Engine (Fleet RIDE) aimed to better achieve the goal of putting the right Sailor in the right job.

"The Fleet RIDE program helps Sailors identify the jobs and programs they are qualified for in the Navy," said Navy Counselor 1st Class (SW/AW) Sara M. Reynolds, an Enterprise command career counselor. "It also shows what is available through PTS in case they wanted to convert to another rating."

PTS was launched in 2003 as a way for the Navy to shape manning to match mission requirements. It initially applied only to "first-term" Sailors in overmanned ratings in pay grades E-3 to E-6 with six to 10 years of service. The Navy has expanded

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-NC1 (SW/AW) Sara M. Reynolds

PTS to Sailors E-3 through E-6 with 10 to 14 years of service. Sailors in pay grades E-1 and E-2 cannot apply to reenlist.

Sailors should consult their career counselors 15 months before their end of active obligated service to complete the appropriate paperwork. A PTS application must be submitted no matter what a Sailor's reenlistment intentions are.

"Sailors must start the process early. The program currently reviews up to the last five evaluations, Physical Readiness Information Management System data, advancement and security information," said Reynolds. "If the Sailor isn't competitive amongst their peers, they risk being denied by PTS."

While most Sailors are permitted to reenlist in their current rating, Sailors in overmanned ratings may be offered reenlistment in one that is undermanned. Performance is a critical factor in PTS selection.

Additional options are available to qualified Sailors who are not eligible for the PTS process. Continued military service is available through the Selected Reserve or in the Army, via the Blue to Green program that allows Sailors to transition their military service from the Navy to the Army.

Other support services and benefits are available through the Navy's job transition assistance program (TAP) and the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

Enterprise Strike Group consists of Enterprise, the guided missile destroyers USS Bulkeley (DDG 84), USS Barry (DDG 52) and USS Mason (DDG 87), the guided-missile cruiser USS Leyte Gulf (CG 56), USNS Arctic (T-AOE 8), Carrier Air Wing 1 and Destroyer Squadron 2.

Enterprise Strike Group is conducting COMPTUEX as part of its work-ups in preparation for an upcoming deployment. For more information about Enterprise, Carrier Strike Group 12 or Carrier Air Wing 1 visit www. Enterprise.navy.mil, WWW.ccsg12.surfor.navy. mil, and www.cvw1.navy.mil. You can also visit

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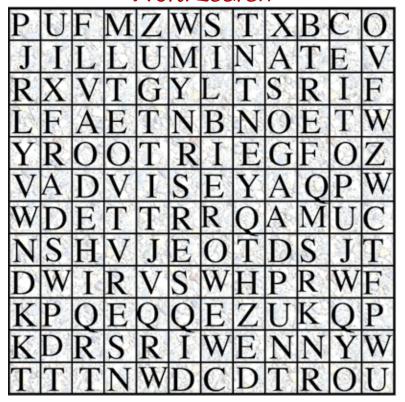
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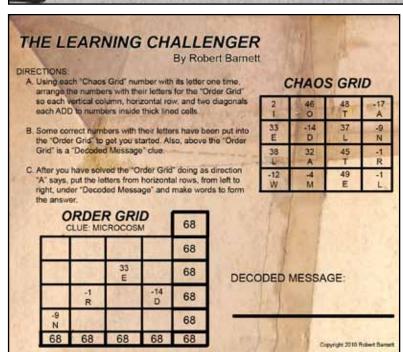
The 'handyman' can

Aviation Machinist's Mate 3rd Class (AW) Christopher I. Okafor tack-welds a door from an EA-6B Prowler assigned to the "Rooks" of Electronic Attack Squadron (VAQ) 137 in the hangar bay of the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise (CVN 65). Enterprise Strike Group is conducting a Composite Training Unit Exercise in preparation for an upcoming deployment.



"On the occasion of every accident that befalls you, remember to turn to yourself and inquire what power you have for turning it to use."

- Epictetus





As it turns out, this was Darth Vader's favorite method of torture.